

Frankford Arsenal, Building 227
South side of Hagner Road between Ripley Street
and Mellon Street
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Location: South side of Hagner Road between Ripley Street and Mellon Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1941

Significance: Building 227, constructed in 1941 as a blank ammunition loading plant, is associated with the large-scale expansion of Frankford Arsenal, the United States Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition during World War II.

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HISTORY

Building 227 was constructed in 1941 as a blank ammunition loading plant. The south vestibule dates from 1944. The building is part of a small complex of buildings that were last used as a medium caliber loading plant.

DESCRIPTION

Building 227 is a single story stuccoed frame building with a concrete foundation, measuring approximately 148 feet by 25 feet. The building has a gabled, asbestos shingle roof with a jerkin head dormer on the west face. The deep eaves of the roof form a surrounding gallery with wooden post supports. A single-story vestibule is attached to the south elevation. The interior consists of two glazed, hollow tile rooms. A concrete barrier wall surrounds the building.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

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